CASSIA MARILANDICA.

American Senna.

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PLATE XXXIX.

THIS tall and luxuriant plant is found in rich soils in the vicinity of water from New England to Carolina, and westward to the banks of the Missouri. The most northern situation in which I have known it decidedly indigenous, is on the banks of the Quinebaug river near the southern boundary of Massachusetts. It is, however, cultivated in gardens for medicinal use much further to the north. It is a vigorous herbaceous perennial with stalks four or five feet high, having their summits covered in July and August with brilliant yellow flowers.

The extensive genus *Cassia* has *a five-leaved calyx* and *five petals; anthers unequal, the three uppermost barren, the three lowermost longer,*